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In speaking of the combination of Ocean Steamships and a weekly line of steamers the *Union* employs the following language as an expression of the wrongs Californians suffer at the hands of this monopoly, and the injury about to be inflicted by this over reaching and soulless combination :

Dispatching a steamer weekly will prove advantageous to the State—a plan which should have been adopted long since ; but, as an offset, we pay a half per cent. advance on exchange and nearly or quite fifty per cent. advance on passage. It will be seen at a glance that California is to be the sufferer. Her citizens pay the advance on exchange, most of the advance on passage, and, in addition, numerous families will be prevented from coming to the state, which is more to be regretted than either of the other considerations. Men in the State who were striving to earn means to send for their wives and children, will now give up in despair, and, as the only chance left them, will take a steerage passage, return to their families and abandon the State. As a matter of policy, we are confident the combination will find it for their interest to reduce the fare from New York to California. We are confident they would realize more money by adopting such a policy, and we know such a change would be greatly beneficial to California.

THE LATE INDIAN SUPERINTENDENT.—Edward F. Beale, Esq., late Superintendent of Indian Affairs, leaves to-day by the Golden Gate, on his way to Washington. His accounts and vouchers have been examined by his successor, Mr. Henley, and by J. Ross Brown, Esq., fiscal Agent of the Government in California : and it is needless to say the result is in the highest degree satisfactory. Mr. Beale goes to Washington with such proofs of the fidelity of his stewardship as will exact from the Government an acknowledgment that he was removed without cause. That business accomplished, he returns immediately to California which is now forever hereafter his home.—*S F. Herald.*

This is just as everybody expected and believed. Now what excuse remains for the summary removal of Lieut. Beale and the appointment of Col. Henly? Is it true that Superintendent Beale exposed the frauds of Indian Contractors too freely? And that Col. Henly has been preferred as a white-washing agent?

STATE CAPITOL.--Proceedings have been instituted in the District Court of the third judicial district to compell the State officers to reside at San Jose. The affair reminds us of children building cob-houses to be knocked down, thus furnishing a pretext for an excellent season of delicious crying.

GOOD SENSE.- The *S. F. Herald* says that Mr. Fremont has declined the dinner tendered him in the name of the Pioneer Association, Mr. Fre- has acted much more sensibly and discreetly than the Pioneers.

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